

Goober-Tiger Battle Will Be Decided To-Morrow

GOOBERS TAKE FIRST OF DECIDING GAMES IN POSITIVE STYLE

Beat Tigers Decisively by Hitting Burleson and Gardin to Advantage--Simmons Has Field Day While Barnett Play Him Close Second.

BY GUS MALBERT.

Petersburg, Va., September 5.—Petersburg won the first of what promises to be the most historic and hardest-fought series of ball games ever played since first there was a Virginia League today. The score in this alpha event of the pennant marathon was on the whole something of an easy achievement for Heinrich Busch, the final count showing a 6-to-1 break. The club winning two of the remaining three games will be the pennant winner.

They held a little powwow over here to-night for the purpose of discussing just what disposition would be made of the remains of that genius of the baseball lot, Buck Pressley. So far as Petersburg is concerned, no question arises as to what club will finally perch on the top rung and flaunt the banner in the faces of the defeated horde. It is a unanimous voice which shouts "Petersburg" and when it comes to being unanimous about a ball club, we will play Petersburg across the board for place, show and win.

This ball club over here isn't a real regular ball club in the generally accepted sense of that term. Most cities represented in the great American pastime look upon the ball club as a machine built out of the people's money to win ball games. Not so in Petersburg. They have fond remembrances of a crater into which was shot the remnants of a certain band of warriors with more ambition than judgment. Of course, that was many years ago, before you and others of our age even dreamt of seeing a ball game.

But even the lapse of years hasn't dimmed the meritorious performance of that crater. Having been reared and bred and even battered with the idea of that crater, every antagonist visiting over here, unless intensely kind to the ball club, is at once consigned to the big crack. The ball club players, gloves, uniforms, spiked shoes and all are the personal property of each individual in Petersburg. Pretty nearly every individual in the town was at the game this afternoon. What few missed the car or deposited the necessary two-bits in the Christmas stocking instead of into Mr. DeLoach's and Mr. Dickinson's and Mr. Seward's and Mr. McCabe's and Mr. Jones's and Mr. Lee's and—ad lib.—still stood around a convenient corner and had the news told them.

Though a great churchgoing community, so we are reliably informed by no less a person than Captain Denny Perkins, even the sacred places are deserted. Few of the ministers—and this is no sacrilege—are willing to break forth in a strenuous sermon for fear they will have "Heinie Busch tripping" along about Lake XI, or "Simmons stealing home" where the hymn should be interpolated. It is one mad, hilarious, shouting, shrieking, thinking, talking, shouting, waking, eating, drinking, talking, walking, base ball centre, this Petersburg! Ask a waiter in the eating houses for the regulation "steak and" and its dollars to a groundskeeper that he'll reply by saying "Wanted, a grand ball which Barnett gave the approval, and they don't feed on beans, either."

Lots for Crows to See. The 5,000 crowd had its fill today. There was everything which a home crowd could want to make it happy and at times unhappy. During the earlier stages of the game the Petersburg contingent was marked by lack of good sense when on the path. Had the game been lost by a close score, poor judgment would have been responsible. But it wasn't that way. So these few remarks are apt to bring anger to the ardent fans and laughter upon our poor heads.

Harvey Brooks, the West Pointer, who played the men behind him back into first place, was known as the responsible, happy-go-lucky. He didn't strike one out of this responsibility, as a count of the hit column will show. He simply looked himself into the box, and then squirmed out again, with the entire Tiger bunch that to his shoulders.

In the nine innings he was hit exactly five times and only in the seventh were these hits scored. That was when the crowd wanted into right-center for three innings and counted on Newton's sacrifice drive at Anthony. In only one other frame did anybody reach the midway marker. Newton pitched a home in the third, but before that Green and Roberts had been shown down by the main route and he carried out. And Kneaves waited a while before he hit home.

Simmons' Big Day. That boy Simmons had the day all to himself. He did just what he wanted to do. He hit home, he stole, he pitched, he threw, he caught, he played, he won. He was the star of the game. He was the hero of the hour. He was the king of the field.

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LARGE CROWDS WATCH HORSES

Draft Horse Show Association Holding Successful Show, With Good Talent on Hand.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Petersburg, Va., September 5.—The annual Entry Draft Horse Show Association is holding its annual meeting at the grounds of the association in Petersburg. The show is attracting large crowds, and is the most successful in the history of the organization, as no effort has been spared to add to its interest and success.

Troop B. of the Fifteenth Cavalry, United States Army, are giving daily drills on the sports of the Fifteenth Cavalry band is attracting large crowds by their fine concerts. The entries have been unusually good. Following is a list of the awards for Wednesday, September 4: George Atwell Special—First, Thomas C. E. Norman, second, Beck, W. T. Simpson, third, J. E. Griffin.

Grade four of 1912—First, D. E. Brown, second, Glady, C. E. Norman, third, D. W. Simpson. Best grade three of 1912—First, D. E. Brown, second, Glady, C. E. Norman, third, D. W. Simpson. Best grade two of 1912—First, D. E. Brown, second, Glady, C. E. Norman, third, D. W. Simpson.

First race, for horses owned in Loudoun County sixty days prior to the date of the exhibition—First, Lady Lyndale, second, Green, second, Lady Lyndale, third, Green, second, Lady Lyndale, third, Green.

Second race, open to all—First, Lady Lyndale, second, Green, second, Lady Lyndale, third, Green.

Third race, for horses owned in Loudoun County which have never started in a race for money—One-half mile race, first, Lady Lyndale, second, Green, second, Lady Lyndale, third, Green.

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Ninth race, for horses owned in Loudoun County which have never started in a race for money—One-half mile race, first, Lady Lyndale, second, Green, second, Lady Lyndale, third, Green.

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BLOUNT HELPS NORFOLK TO WIN

Battle Axe Player Makes the Hit That Scored Two Runs.

DOUBLE PLAYS FEATURE Griffin's Colts Tie Up Game in the Ninth, Losing in Tenth.

Charlie Schaefer's bunch of husky Tars won the first game of the last series of the season from Richmond yesterday at Broad Street Park, 5 to 4. Blount, the Battle Axe boy, made the hit that scored two runs and led the score in the ninth.

The winning run was scored by Keller, who drew a pass from "Doc" Ayers, who went to the mound in the tenth inning after H. Griffin and Perryman had been found too much to the liking of the Tars. Kirschner sent a slow grounder to Griffin, who fumbled it and drew wild to Garman, allowing Keller to cross the rubber.

The hopes of Manager Griffin, blousy from the disastrous ninth inning when Norfolk used three runs, did not brighten when Pitcher Ayers went out an infield grounder. Griffin struck out, and Garman sent a hot one to Hinton, who doubled Ayers at second. Kirschner making a double play by throwing perfectly to Higbie, heading off Garman.

Up to, and including the ninth inning, the game was a splendid exhibition of line pitching and excellent fielding, fast double plays being pulled off in rapid succession, ending what appeared to be sure score-making.

In the first three innings, in order, first Keller reached first on Griffin's line drive to Garman. Kirschner and Hinton went out to McComas to Garman, and Gordon died to Griffin. Garman, Keller being held close to third.

Garman died to center, and Burke was retired. Kirschner to Higbie. Walters, the first man up for Norfolk in the second inning, sent along a fly into right center, which Burke made a hard try for, but failed. Walters landed at second. Blight went out to H. Griffin to first, and Blount fanned. Braun drew four balls and scored. Braun drew four balls and scored.

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TAKE FIRST GAME OF FINAL CLASH

Recruit Humphrey Scores Tying Run for Newport News.

Bruckmiller in Form.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Newport News, Va., September 5.—Newport News took the opening game with Portsmouth in the final series of the season yesterday, 2 to 1, in ten innings. Humphrey, a recruit, tied the score in the eighth, and Lusky batted in the winning run in the tenth, with two out. Bruckmiller was in rare form, fanning ten men and allowing but five hits. The score:

Newport News. A. B. R. H. O. A. E. Carney, ss..... 4 0 1 3 6 1 Humphrey, rf..... 5 0 1 1 0 0 Hooker, cf..... 5 0 1 0 0 0 Matlis, lf..... 5 0 1 1 0 0 Ausley, 2b..... 4 0 1 2 3 0 Lusky, 1b..... 4 0 2 12 0 Morrissey, 2b..... 3 0 0 2 4 0 Bruckmiller, p..... 3 0 1 0 0 0 "Reveille"..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 Brown, c..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 Miller, p..... 0 0 0 1 0 0

Totals..... 38 2 10 20 15 1 *Run for Bruckmiller in eighth. *Batted for Bruckmiller in ninth.

Portsmouth. A. B. R. H. O. A. E. Keating, ss..... 5 0 0 2 3 0 Hughes, 1b..... 5 0 0 11 0 Wolfe, 2b..... 3 0 0 3 0 1 Nixon, cf..... 4 0 1 0 0 0 Castro, 2b..... 4 0 0 0 0 0 Timpani, lf..... 1 1 0 0 0 0 Garvin, cf..... 4 0 2 4 0 0 Foxen, rf..... 4 0 1 0 0 0 Verbut, p..... 3 0 1 0 4 0

Totals..... 36 1 5 19 13 3 *Two out when winning run was scored. Score by innings: R. Newport News, 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 2 Portsmouth, 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 Summary: Stolen bases—Hooker, Nixon, Castro, Timpani, Garvin, Foxen, Verbut. Sacrifice hits—Carney, Lusky, Morrissey. Three-base hit—Matlis. Double play—Castro to Keating to Hughes. Struck out—by Bruckmiller 10; by Verbut 2. Bases on balls—Bruckmiller, 1; off Verbut 2. Hits—Bruckmiller, 5 in 5 innings. Left on base—Newport News, 12; Portsmouth, 7. First base on error—Newport News, 3; Portsmouth, 1. Hit by pitcher, Wolfe. Time, two hours. Umpire, Mr. Cowan.

DOUBLE-HEADER IN INTER-CITY SERIES Battle Axe Team Leaves This Evening for Washington to Meet the Pepcos.

The first games of the intercity championship series between the Battle Axes, amateur champions of the city of Richmond, and the Pepcos, champions of the District of Columbia, will be played in Washington to-morrow night, when a double-header will be played. On the following Saturday the Pepcos will come to Broad Street Park for a double-header here in event each of the teams wins two games, the fifth and deciding game will be played in the city which wins the first of a column.

Despite rumors to the contrary, Billy Hay and Frank Blount, of the Battle Axes team, the former having played in one game with the Richmond Colts, and the latter helping out at third for the Norfolk Tars, will play with the Battle Axe club, which team is regarded locally as an even match for the winners of the Washington championship.

The Battle Axe team will leave Richmond this afternoon at 5:15 o'clock over the Seaboard Air Line, and will be accompanied by Dr. Parker, the manager, who will see that the players have everything for their comfort while on the trip. Several members of the local commission will also make the trip. Those who will compose the trip are the following players: Hay, Blount, Whitfield, E. Whitehead, Dowden, Rudy, Ford, Blount, Schmidt and Bowers.

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NATIONALS DROP TO THIRD PLACE IN RACE. GIANTS WIDEN GAP

Athletics Down Kilties Twice, While Washington Helps Red Sox Cinch Pennant--Phillies Drop Two Into McGraw's Hamper, While Cubs Are Idle.

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